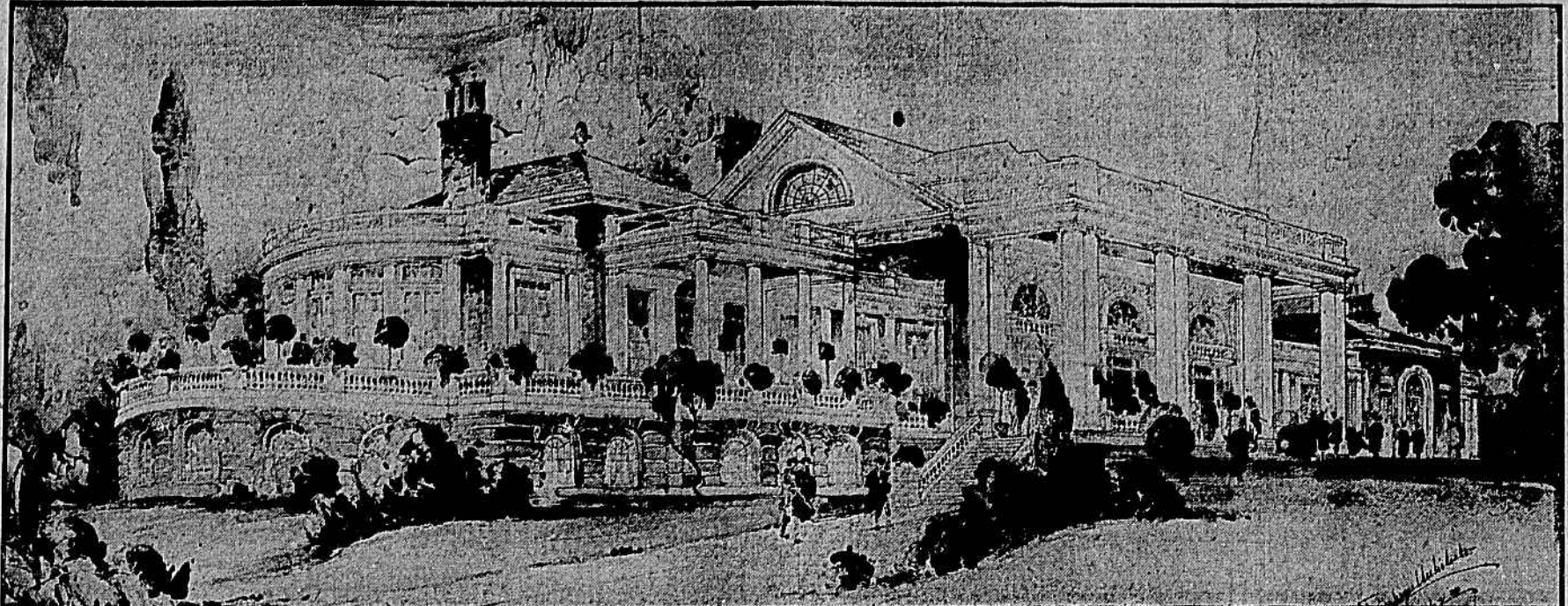


HOME OF COUNTRY CLUB OF VIRGINIA



OFFICERS PREPARE TO CELEBRATE
OPENING OF NEW CLUB MARCH 1

GREAT STIMULUS
TO TAMPA RACING

Thousands See Best Card Ever
Offered on That
Course.

TAMPA, FLA., December 25.—Thousands saw the running of the best card ever offered at a Tampa race track to-day, and the sport here was given a decided stimulus. In the grandstand handsomely packed, women attested to the popularity of the game with the society folk, and the close fashions kept enthusiasm at a high point. Three good things during the day fell down, offsetting the successes of four favorites who won. These were Kerchival, John Garner and Cruise. Jackson rode four winners and was placed once. Colonel Ashmeade was the best bet for the talent, being backed from 2 to 1 to even at post time. Summaries: First race—five and a half furlongs, selling—Serenade, 106 (Dewitt), 5 to 1; first, Bobby Cook, 96 (Cole), 4 to 1; second, Nellie Burgess, 111 (Matthews), 15 to 1; third, Time, 113-2-5. Bob Ayres, Baleshed, My Love, Warner Griswell, Judge Dundon, Mirdalay, Sanna Girl and Paul also ran. Second race—five furlongs, selling—Bannade, 104 (Jackson), 5 to 1; first, Cruise, 103 (Irving), 11 to 1; second, Sallie Savage, 104 (Reilly), 5 to 1; third, Time, 107-2-5. Locust Fundamental, 106 (Lovelly), 10 to 1; second, Kingston, Black Annie and Ainsie also ran. Third race, seven furlongs, selling—E. T. Pipp, 110 (Jackson), 7 to 1; first, Spanish Prince, 108 (Trueman), 7 to 1; second, Edwin L., 102 (Davenport), 7 to 1; third, Time, 112-1-4. Oakerie and Mrs. Sewell also ran. Fourth race—one mile, handicap—Hank, 107 (Davenport), 6 to 5; first, Koocheval, 112 (Jackson), 5 to 1; second, Hyperion, 111, 115 (Glasner), 2 to 1; third, Time, 118. Bonnie Bard also ran. Fifth race—five and a half furlongs, selling—Colonel Ashmeade, 106 (Dewitt), 5 to 1; first, Autumn Girl, 106 (McCabe), 2 to 1; second, Fearless, 108 (Glasner), 5 to 1; third, Time, 113-2-5. M. Irvine, Lou Lanier and Inspector also ran. Sixth race—five and a half furlongs, selling—C. Core, 111 (Jackson), 2 to 1; first, Fundamental, 106 (Lovelly), 10 to 1; second, Casanova, 109 (Reilly), 3 to 1; third, Time, 112-1-5. John Garner, Caltha, McAndrew, Jack Goodwin, Billie Hills, Scarab and The Crown also ran.

MAY MAKE DOOM
PHILLIES' MANAGER

Charley Will Accept Bet in
1910 If Fogel's Terms
Are Agreeable.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., December 25.—Charley Doon, who has been the manager of the Phillies, if he and President Fogel can reach an agreement. That was learned positively when the most popular baseball in the land was seen at the Philadelphia Club, 1411 Arch street. Any baseball player considers it an honor to be mentioned as the probable choice for manager of a major league team, declared Doon. "Don't let anybody try to tell you that I would be so foolish as to turn down a chance to direct the Phillies, if the terms were right. But President Fogel has not consulted with me, and I know only what I have read in the newspapers." From James McCool, the former minstrel, who is a vaudeville act with Doon, it was learned that the Phillies' star backstop has been besieged with callers to congratulate him, and his mail is almost as large as that of a President since Fogel said he would be the 1910 manager. Not only the close friends of Doon, which are a legion, but men whom he never met, are writing to him congratulating him upon his new berth, and assuring him of their support. Doon is naturally modest, although his aggressiveness on the diamond would belie that. And beyond a statement that he would be willing to try to win a pennant, if the new owners of the Phillies wanted him, he would say nothing about his ideas on the team as it was to-day, or what he proposed to do if he got the berth. Doon said he would possibly not see President Fogel for several weeks, unless requested to do so. Following his Christmas vacation Doon will probably return to the stage with McCool, and the tennis tour of works in that city. Doon was never in better shape than he is to-day. He plays handball each day and keeps down to normal weight.

CLUBS MUST PAY MORE

Baseball License Fee Raised to \$1,000
CHICAGO, December 25.—New license fees for the various classes of amusement were provided for by a resolution adopted here at a special session of the City Council. The National League and the American League baseball clubs will be required to pay \$1,000 a year. The same rate applies to theatres of the first rank.

Believed That Country Club of
Virginia Will Be Ready
in Time.

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED
Plan Is to Make Occasion of
Welcome a Social Event.
Success Is Assured.

Reports of committees received and submitted at a recent meeting of the board of directors of the Country Club of Virginia indicate that its affairs are in a most satisfactory shape, and that the formal opening of the buildings and grounds, which are said to be as handsome as those of any similar organization in the South, will be held March 1. The building, except for decorations in the interior, is practically completed, and the landscape architect has done much towards designing the roadways and terraces leading to the main structure. It was shown at the meeting that all of the \$50,000 stock has been disposed of except about \$5,000, and it is believed that the club will have been claimed before the time of opening. The membership now includes 650 of the prominent men of Richmond, but no women will be admitted until arrangements have been made to dispose of all the stock, as they will be charged a nominal fee for the privilege of using the clubhouse. Drawing largely from the membership of the several clubs now in existence, the new organization will embody such features as will appeal to seekers after every kind of outdoor sports and pleasures. Situated on lofty ground, the view from the windows of the building will afford a magnificent view of the James River Valley, and what nature has not done to beautify the surroundings will be accomplished as far as is possible by the genius of experienced landscape artists. The golf links will probably be ready by March 1, and the tennis courts will undoubtedly be ready in time for the spring season. The outbuildings will be ready for occupancy at the time of opening. The club is located not far from Rio Vista, and about 100 yards from the Westhampton car line. The basement of the building, which is really a two-story building, will contain the swimming pool—the floor of which will be tiled—the shower baths and locker rooms. There are window seats which make the basement bright by day. The buffet is also located in the basement. The first floor, which is the principal floor, is divided into a dining room, which is taken up at the east end with pool and billiard rooms. The ceiling is about thirty feet high, and is supported by heavy beams which afford the appearance of an old-fashioned tavern. Proceeding from the billiard room, the main dining room, the library and parlors are first reached. These are situated on either side, while the hall opens into the living room, which is the main room of the club. The living room has a fireplace, and is sufficiently large to seat quite a gathering. The dining room opens into the parlor, which is enclosed in glass, and may be used for additional tables for guests. The palm room opens on a brick-supported terrace, which is 25 feet from the ground, and which recedes gradually, giving the appearance that the club is on a hill. This terrace will no doubt be used in summer for lawn parties and informal dinners. Mr. Dearing, of Philadelphia, the landscape architect, is now at work on his plans, which will be completed with special care to enhance the beauty of the building. The dining room, which is the main room of the club, has a fireplace, and is sufficiently large to seat quite a gathering. The dining room opens into the parlor, which is enclosed in glass, and may be used for additional tables for guests. The palm room opens on a brick-supported terrace, which is 25 feet from the ground, and which recedes gradually, giving the appearance that the club is on a hill.

STOVALL OFFERED
FOR FRED PARENT

White Sox Magnate Is Anxious
to Get the Nap First
Sacker.

CHICAGO, ILL., December 25.—George Stovall, first baseman of the Cleveland Club, may wear the white hose of Chicago next season, but Freddie Parent will not don the green, gray and white combination of the Naps. This was the statement of President Comiskey, of the Sox, who returned last week from the American League meeting at New York, where he talked trades with Manager Hugh Duffy and leaders of the Chicago team's rivals. Parent played good ball for me last season, and I don't intend to let him go," said Comiskey, "but we may have Stovall for all that. It is just possible Cleveland will take another of our men, one with whom we are willing to part in exchange for the first baseman." The Sox magnate would not say what athlete he would agree to hand Jim McGuire for Stovall. Parent was wanted by the Clevelanders for a utility man, but Comiskey believes Freddie Jones' shoes as a centre fielder can be used to just as much advantage here, even if he is not given a regular berth in the outfield. "Fred Parent was the only man we had last summer," continued the old Roman, "who could come close to filling Fielding Jones' shoes as a centre fielder. A man as versatile as he is too valuable to trade off for a man who can play only one position. If we can satisfy the Cleveland club with some one else, some one we feel we can let out, Stovall may be secured." From the tone of Comiskey's conversation it seems more than likely that Parent will be used as a regular outfielder in the South Side next year. Freddie more than made good in the outer defense last season, but had to give up his job to patch up the infield. He doesn't like to play short any more, and would be delighted with a regular outfield job. "Commy" evidently has great faith in the ability of Gandil, one of his young first base candidates, to make good. He said if Gandil came up to expectations, the Sox would not need Stovall or any other first baseman. Manager Duffy has made up his mind that young Bill Baker will do as a regular shortstop. Zelder may fill in at second.

TENNIS GAMES
AT PINEHURST

Mixed Doubles Round Out Full
Week of Exciting
Sport.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
PINEHURST, N. C., December 25.—Mixed doubles tennis, played with handicaps, rounded out a full week, occupying attention of an interested gallery, Benjamin T. Thaw, Jr., of Pittsburgh, and Miss Theodore Coughlin of Long Beach, Calif., won the final round from F. A. King, of Northboro, and Mrs. Guy Metcalf, of Providence, 6-1, 6-2, who played from minus fifteen. Mr. Thaw and Miss Coughlin won the semi-final from J. Vance, New Britain, 6-1, 6-4, Mr. King and Mrs. Metcalf advancing by the default of Spencer Atter, of New York, and Miss Harriet Horton, of Williamsport. The summary: First Round—Spencer Waters, New York, and Miss Harriet Horton, Williamsport (0), beat Mr. and Mrs. T. Ashby Sparks, New York (0), by default; Charles Horton, Williamsport, and Miss Alice J. King, Millville, Mass. (plus 15), drew a bye; F. A. King, Northboro, and Mrs. Guy Metcalf, Providence (owe 15), beat P. T. Ackerson, Bay Shore, and Miss Blanche Taylor, Lynn (owe 15), 6-2, 6-2; Dr. Myron W. Mann, Dorchester, and Mrs. Leonard Turf, Boston (0), drew a bye; Benjamin Thaw, Jr., Pittsburgh, and Miss Theodore Coughlin, Lynn (plus half 15), beat Guy Metcalf, Providence, and Mrs. F. A. King, Northboro (plus half 15), 6-1, 6-2; Billup and Lightbourn, Bermuda, and Miss Mary Koller, Northboro (0), drew a bye; Julian T. Bishop, Bridgeport, and Miss Ethel Check, New York (owe 15), beat Henry W. Ackerson, Brooklyn, and Miss Margaret Coughlin, Lynn (0), by default; J. Vance, New Britain, and Miss Molly Abbe, Bethlehem (plus 15), drew a bye. Second Round—Mr. Waters and Miss Horton beat Mr. Horton and Miss King, 6-4, 10-3; Mr. King and Mrs. Metcalf beat Dr. Mann and Mrs. Turf, 6-3, 7-5; Mr. Thaw and Miss Coughlin beat Mr. Lightbourn and Mrs. Koller, 6-3, 8-6; Mr. Vance and Miss Abbe beat Mr. Bishop and Miss Check, 6-3, 6-4. Semi-Final—Mr. King and Mrs. Metcalf beat Mr. Waters and Miss Horton, by default; Mr. Thaw and Miss Coughlin beat Mr. Vance and Miss Abbe, 6-1, 6-1. Final—Mr. Thaw and Miss Coughlin beat Mr. King and Mrs. Metcalf, 6-1, 6-2.

MAGNATES MAY
CHANGE SCHEDULE
OF STATE LEAGUE

No Telling What May
Happen at Meeting
Here in February.

BRADLEY WILL BE
PREPARED FOR WAR

Thinks Richmond Has Right to
All Saturday Games, and Will
Insist That He Be Allowed
to Handle Business
End of the
Game.

The Virginia league will last one more season under the same conditions that prevailed last year—that is the same clubs will comprise the circuit. When the magnates meet in February, as it is understood, President Wells will call them together then, the chief work will be in completing the schedule of games. There may be a row then, but this depends on the attitude the other owners will take when Owsen Bradley, of Richmond, tries to arrange games in this circuit every Saturday during the late spring, summer and early fall. Dissatisfaction with the arrangement under which the league has existed has arisen in certain cities, and it may be that the local owners will be voting down on the proposition, and that the Colts will be out of town for some of the week ends. Mr. Bradley promises to make it warm for those who try to break up the old schedule. Will Admit Women Free. It is not likely that anything will be said about detaching how the price of admittance shall be governed, and women, as heretofore, will most likely be allowed to enter the grounds free. No fight is likely to be made on the ten cent bleachers, although Norfolk is understood to be anxious to have the gates closed that this small fee cheapens the game. Mr. Bradley puts it up to the clubs on a business basis. He said recently, in conversing on this topic, that each team is owned or controlled by some person, or persons, who are to be responsible for the earnings of the club, and should have the right to make and enforce charges. This is about all Mr. Bradley has to say, except to emphasize the oft repeated statement that Richmond is a good baseball town, and if the Virginia league is to be successful it is obliged to concede her certain rights and privileges. Even if Richmond doesn't support the league, as some of the those interested in other teams contend, she does more than her part, and that a season seldom passes that the gates are not thronged here from one or another of the poorer paying cities, should serve to convince the public at any rate, that the owners of some of the clubs appreciate the patronage extended the game by baseball lovers in this city. Behind Closed Doors. Whatever the effect of transferring Saturday games might be, one thing is certain, and this is that too much talk from those in charge serves to decrease interest and throws a degree of uncertainty on the stability of the association. The less the league discusses questions that have been agitated, the better it will be for the future of the game. League meetings are held behind closed doors, that's true, but in some way, no telling how, things leak out, probably through a keyhole, and gradually all that is done is reported in some form by the newspapers. The method adopted by the Virginia league owners is to make the secretary a sort of press agent, and he is designated to give out the happenings or as much of them as the owners care to see in print. This is unsatisfactory to the public and the magnates are kept busy for weeks denying reports printed of what happened in the secret session. Owner Started the Rumor. A joint owner of one of the clubs, when the league met here before, is responsible for a statement that got in to the newspapers to the effect that Richmond will lose some of the Saturday games. The secretary did not give out this interesting bit of news, nor did he say anything about this proposition, but the statement of an owner should certainly be of sufficient weight to create the reasonable inference that "Saturday games" were discussed, and the inference might be stretched into the interpretation that the league was about to change its schedule. Of course, as it was untrue, there were emphatic denials from the club owners after the meeting, but the newspapers had printed the story of the transfer of Saturday games, and there was no rubbing it out. There were denials in the newspapers afterwards, but they were not satisfactory enough to satisfy the general mind that the Saturday game question is finally and forever settled. There is really no telling what the attitude of the league may be in February. The matter of fixing the schedule amounts to nothing more than the solution of a difficult mathematical problem, and the intricate part of it is in giving every city an equal share of the games, with Richmond having all her week-end contests at home. Disputes always arise before the final agreement, but these are expected and are nothing more than matters of detail.

NO ONE PERSON
ENJOYS MONOPOLY
OF GOLF HONORS

George Sargent Was
Sensation at First, But
Was Often Defeated

WALTER J. TRAVIS
BRUSHED ASIDE

Others Made Desperate Efforts
to Hold the National Title,
but Lost When They
Seemed Sure Winners.
Results of Team
Matches.

NEW YORK, December 25.—The end of another competitive golf season finds no one person enjoying a monopoly of honors. Early in the summer, George Sargent sprang a sensation by winning the national open championship title, but since then the Briton has been compelled to acknowledge frequent defeat. Then there was Robert Gardner, the Yale polo vaunter who went through a classy field at Wheaton and won the amateur title. Prior to this achievement the Chicago youth did little to prepare one for the surprise. In fact, to make use of the phrase, he was a "field choice" over the pool when the match play began. It was the same in the principal competitions hereabout. Walter J. Travis began auspiciously by winning the chief cups at Atlantic City and Garden City, and a little later the Metropolitan championship over the Apawamis links. Since then, however, the Garden City veteran has been brushed aside right and left. Practically the only golfer wearing a double crown is Alec Smith, the Wyckoff professional, who won the Eastern title at Scarsdale, and supplemented this by gaining the Metropolitan "open" over his home green. Smith proved somewhat of a disappointment in the National "open," and he also failed to gather in much of the California gold during the Portola series of tournaments. Then there was Willis Anderson, the four times National title holder, who, after barely getting in the money at Eaglewood, returned to St. Louis for a few weeks and then went to Skokie and won the Western open with the phenomenal score of 233 for 72 holes. Anderson's record now embraces four Western titles, to say nothing of several Southern. It has been said that the East is sadly lacking in promising young material, and while this is true to a certain extent the fact would not have been nearly so apparent had that great amateur, Jerome D. Travers, been able to do himself justice. The champion of 1907 and last year got a poor start on the other side in the spring, and since returning to these shores his indulgence in the game has been of a desultory nature. Anyhow, at no time during the past season has he shown his true form, consequently his name fails to appear as a tournament winner, making the first time in five years that this has happened. Besides Gardner, amateurs that stand close to the top are Charles Evans, Jr., the Western champion; Albert Seckel, the intercollegiate title holder, and H. Chandler Egan. There are many who believe that had Egan not been taken ill he would have been the champion of the last season. However, Egan is the same great player—great, in fact, than during his reign as national champion in 1904 and 1905. The visit of Miss Dorothy Campbell, woman champion of Great Britain, resulted in the championship on the side being won for the first time by a foreign player. Had the North Berwick lassie not made the trip the title would have changed hands anyway, as Miss Kate Harley, last year's winner, failed to display her old-time form. Miss M. E. Adams did exceedingly well to win the Eastern and the Massachusetts titles. When it comes to team matches it is worth mentioning that the metropolitan district forces won the Griemum Cup among the women and the Leslie Cup among the men.

CAPTAIN OF NAVY ELEVEN

Clay, Halfback for Three Seasons, Has
Been Chosen.
ANNAPOLIS, MD., December 25.—Henry B. Clay, of the Annapolis Naval Academy, has been elected captain of the Navy football team for 1910. He has played halfback for three seasons, and is a hard, clever and sportsmanlike player. Previous to the election it was necessary to amend the constitution of the Navy Athletic Association to permit the awarding of the N. previously given only to those taking part in a game against West Point. Only those having this insignia could vote for the election of a captain. Those receiving the N. were Meyer, Reiderman, Clay, Brand, Richardson, Reinicke, Swell, Cobb, Carey, Dalton, Lotlin and Giles.

Thousands Saw Game

NEW HAVEN, CONN., December 25.—An official statement from the office of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company shows that on November 30, 1909, the day of the Yale-Princeton football match here, 32,395 passengers were carried by the railroad. The number 17,846 were carried from New York City. For the game in 1907, 2,500 were carried, but this year 32,395 were carried, a record. The match will consist of 1,500 points, 500 points being played every night for three consecutive nights.

HOPPE AND MORNINGSTAR

Will Meet in 1,500-Point Billiard Match
for \$500 a Side.
NEW YORK, December 25.—Willie Hoppe and Ora Morningstar, two of the greatest players in the world, have been matched to play 13 ball billiards within thirty days for a side bet of \$500 and the net gate receipts. The match will consist of 1,500 points, 500 points being played every night for three consecutive nights. The place for playing the game has not yet been decided, but it is believed that either New York, Philadelphia or Chicago will be selected. It is probable that the winner will play Calvin Demarest, who recently won the championship in the series played at the Madison Square Garden.

JOHNSON IS PICKED
TO BEAT JEFFRIES

Followers of Prize Ring Here Think the Negro
Will Hold the Belt Against the
"Undeclared Champion."

Even in Richmond, where pugilism, as far as a real man actually being pulled off is concerned, is an unknown game, there is much talk about that affair scheduled to be pulled off on July 1 next between the former heavyweight champion, James J. Jeffries, and Jack Johnson, present holder of the belt. The "age of the fist" battle has not been agreed upon, but it will not be this side of the Mississippi. There are at least 100 men in Richmond that follow prize ring happenings for the sport there is in it, and who would willingly spend their last cent to see a real fight, that is apt to be talked about and discussed for years to come. Three such may be found in town yesterday, and they all declare that they will see Johnson and Jeffries fight, even if they have to cross the Atlantic or Pacific to do so. One man here hasn't missed a world's championship fight in twenty years, and another, who is something of a scrapper himself, has seen many of the big ones at it in the ring. Forty-seven men in Richmond were asked yesterday what they think of the probable result of the Johnson-Jeffries fight, and thirty-one of them picked the black man to win. One of these is the fellow that has seen all the fights in twenty years, while the other, who is something of a scrapper himself, has seen many of the big ones at it in the ring. Johnson and Jeffries were asked yesterday what they think of the probable result of the Johnson-Jeffries fight, and thirty-one of them picked the black man to win. One of these is the fellow that has seen all the fights in twenty years, while the other, who is something of a scrapper himself, has seen many of the big ones at it in the ring. Johnson and Jeffries were asked yesterday what they think of the probable result of the Johnson-Jeffries fight, and thirty-one of them picked the black man to win. One of these is the fellow that has seen all the fights in twenty years, while the other, who is something of a scrapper himself, has seen many of the big ones at it in the ring.

COBB AND COLLINS
STEAL MORE BASES

Cleveland Catchers Hold the Speedy Georgian to
Eight Purloined Sacks, But He Runs Wild
on Boston Backstops

They will arrest a poor man if he hooks a ham sandwich to keep his little ones at home from starving; the unfortunate clerk who seeks to "lift" a few extra dollars from the cash receipts when nobody is looking is yanked up by his employer; even bank cashiers and bank presidents have been given the full limit of the law for pilfering. Ty Cobb, of the Detroit Tigers, and Eddie Collins, of the Philadelphia Athletics, however, can go along in their own quiet way, stealing here and stealing there, just about as they please and never a word of protestation is heard. No less than twenty-two "pinkertons" sought to stop the two youngsters during the six months they operated from April 11 to early October, but to no avail. Ty and Eddie did their pilfering right before the very eyes of these men, and try as they would they were unable to choke them off. Never since modern baseball—and by modern is meant since the American and National League fellows kissed and made up—have two youngsters made so merry on the base paths as Cobb and Collins did during the past season. The Georgian pilfered no less than seventy-six bases, while

WRESTLING AT YALE

NEW HAVEN, CONN., December 25.—The schedule for the Yale wrestling team has been announced. It reads: February 11—University of Pennsylvania, at Philadelphia; February 12—Naval Cadets, at Annapolis; February 13—Cornell, at Ithaca; February 14—Princeton, at New Haven; March 4—New York Athletic Club, at New Haven; March 11—Columbia, at New York; March 18—Intercollegiate championship, at Philadelphia.